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1. ABSENCE OF RESPONSIBLE FRG AUTHORITIES ON FRIDAY JULY 19 CAUSED POSTPONEMENT UNTIL TODAY OF EMBASSY REPRESENTATION ALONG LINES OF REFTEL.

2. DEPUTY MFA OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR EC AFFAIRS FREITAG EXPRESSED FRG'S UNHAPPINESS WITH EC DECISION AND SAID THAT FRG WOULD HAVE PREFERRED ANOTHER SOLUTION. HOWEVER, THE EC WAS UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE TO ACT QUICKLY IN FACE OF WIDESPREAD UNREST AMONG CATTLE FARMERS.

3. ECONOMICS MINISTRY OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR TRADE POLICY KUEHN COULD NOT MAKE ANY SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS OTHER THAN TO CONFIRM THAT THE EC OFFERED TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS UNDER THE GATT, WHICH HE ASSUMED WILL TAKE PLACE IN BRUSSELS. REGARDING THE FRG'S POSITION ON THIS ISSUE, HE REFERRED TO MINISTER ERTL'S INSISTENCE THAT A REVIEW OF THE EC'S DECISION TAKE PLACE "AS EARLY AS SEPTEMBER".

4. MINAG AMERICAN DESK REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN RESPONDED ALONG THE SAME LINES, EMPHASIZING THAT MINISTER ERTL SINGLE-HANDEDLY INSISTED ON THE NOVEMBER 1 DEADLINE AND THE SEPTEMBER REVIEW. ERTL'S PROPOSALS WERE OFFERED AS EVIDENCE OF THE QUOTE RELUCTANCE UNQUOTE WITH WHICH THE FRG ACCEPTED THE EXPORT BAN. HOFFMANN STATED THAT FROM THE FRG VIEWPOINT, GREATER EFFORTS SHOULD HAVE BEEN FOCUSED ON INCREASING EC DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION BEFORE TAKING SUCH DRASTIC ACTION. SHE WAS QUICK TO POINT OUT, HOWEVER, THAT IN THE EYES OF AT LEAST ONE OTHER MEMBER STATE, INTERNAL FARM PRESSURE REQUIRED STRONG ACTION. PENDING THE OUTCOME THIS WEEK OF DECISIONS WITHIN THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE, SHE WOULD NOT CITE THE VARIOUS PROPOSALS FOR INCREASING DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION BEYOND DESCRIBING THEM AS DIRECTED TOWARD HELPING CERTAIN QUOTE SOCIAL GROUPS UNQUOTE.
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